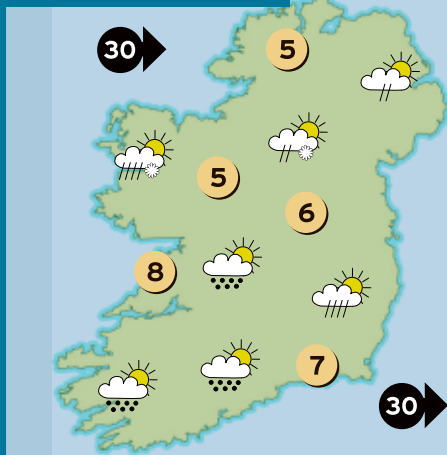


THE WEATHER

**TODAY** Cold and windy with morning rain then showers

A cloudy morning with outbreaks of heavy rain. Brighter in the afternoon with sunny spells but with heavy showers, especially for the north and west, with the risk of hail and thunder. Feeling cold. Fresh south-westerly winds.

OUTLOOK Cold and bright with sunny spells and showers

Cold tomorrow with sunny spells and showers, especially in the west. Drier on Saturday and Sunday with fewer showers and sunny spells.

HIGH WATER: Belfast (00.22, 12.46) Dublin (00.43, 13.09) Galway (06.30, 18.58) London Bridge (03.14, 15.33) Liverpool (00.31, 12.54) Aberdeen (02.38, 15.00) Cardiff (08.34, 20.59)

ABROAD

	C	F		C	F
Amsterdam	C	14 57	Las Palmas	S	24 75
Athens	C	14 57	Madrid	S	10 50
Barcelona	S	15 59	Malaga	S	19 66
Benidorm	S	20 68	Malta	SH	19 66
Biarritz	C	11 52	Miami	C	23 73
Costa Brava	S	14 57	Nice	S	15 59
Crete	C	16 61	Paris	C	12 54
Ibiza	S	17 63	Sydney	F	22 72
Larnaca	C	23 73	Tenerife	S	26 79

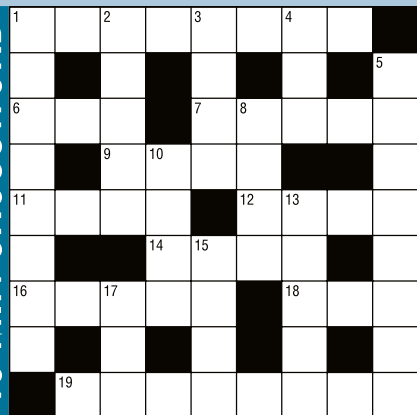
S Sun, C Cloud, F Fair, SH Shower, R Rain, DR Drizzle, FG Fog, SN Snow, TH Thunder

SUNRISE: 07.22

SUNSET: 16.08

WARMEST: Sherkin Island 12C (54F)

10 MIN CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 1 Jerry -, US TV host (8)
6 Fluffy mat (3)
7 Small part in a film (5)
9 US actor, - Baldwin (4)
11 Unsightly (4)
12 Faithful (4)
14 Verdant and leafy (4)
16 David -, cricketer (5)
18 Irritate (3)
19 Fall in status (8)

DOWN

- 1 Beg (8)
2 Kingly (5)
3 French Riviera city (4)
4 Disease-prone tree (3)
5 Dark grey fur (8)
8 Plays a role (4)
10 Sandy -, golfer (4)
13 Safari animal (5)
15 Exhort (4)
17 Court (3)

WEDNESDAY'S SOLUTIONS ACROSS: 2 Lagoon, 5 Pyre, 6 Desire, 7 Snug, 8 Els, 11 Plod, 13 Lentil, 14 Avid, 15 Smithy.
DOWN: 1 Hymn, 2 Ledge, 3 Omit, 4 Needed, 7 Stylus, 9 Splay, 10 RNLI, 12 Ohio.

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THE LOTTERY

LAST NIGHT'S LOTTO: 7, 12, 33, 47, 50, 51. Bonus: 40. No £2m jackpot winner.

THUNDERBALL: 21, 29, 30, 32, 37. Thunderball: 13. No £500k winner.

HEALTH LOTTERY: 4, 22, 36, 44, 47. Bonus: 12.

TUESDAY EUROMILLIONS: 7, 15, 36, 42, 48.

Lucky Stars: 3 & 7. No £22.1m jackpot winner.

Millionaire Maker: MTGB77053 & XTGC05903.

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TODAY: THURSDAY, NOV 17, 2016

On this day

9 YEARS AGO (2007)

Our front page carried an interview with Jane Tanner, one of the "Tapas Seven" who was dining with Kate and Gerry McCann the night their daughter Madeleine went missing in Praia da Luz, Portugal.

63 YEARS AGO (1953)

Twenty Italian sailors died following a collision between two boats in the English Channel. Italian steamer Vittoria Claudia was hit by French motor vessel Perou off the coast of Kent.

13 YEARS AGO (2003)

Terminator actor Arnold Schwarzenegger was sworn in as Governor of California.



Birthdays

Actor **Danny DeVito** is 72. He is an electric car enthusiast... TV host **Jonathan Ross** is 56. He once co-owned a comic book store... Film director **Martin Scorsese** is 74. His mother Catherine has had cameos in many of his movies... And many happy returns to Sophie Lake from Heacham, Norfolk, and Ellie Hill from Sheffield, who both turn 21 today.

■ If you'd like us to mention the birthday of a loved one, write to Birthdays, Daily Mirror, One Canada Square, London E14 5AP or madeuthink@mirror.co.uk



DeVito, 72



Ross, 56



Scorsese, 74

Today's events

8.30am The Institute for Public Policy Research launches the Commission on Economic Justice, a two-year programme to examine the state of the British economy.

6pm Jamie Theakston, Emma Bunton and Holly Willoughby will switch on the Christmas lights in Regent Street, London, with Tom Odell and Rebecca Ferguson.

7pm Hollywood actor Leonardo DiCaprio is the keynote speaker at the Scottish Business Awards.

Today's giggle

The past, the present and the future were having an argument. It was tense.

GET US OUT OF THIS JAM

Hammond must help those who are 'just about managing'

BY JACK BLANCHARD Political Editor

PHILIP Hammond has been told to deliver a Budget that boosts people who are "just about managing".

Downing Street wants the Chancellor to use his first Autumn Statement on Wednesday to address the key voter group, referred to in Whitehall as Jams.

Among ideas is a cut in air passenger duty to make family holidays cheaper following sterling's collapse.

And fuel duty is set to be frozen again while further childcare subsidies may be offered along with a hike in the amount people can earn before tax.

Rob Holdsworth, of the Resolution Foundation think-tank, said: "Just managing' families have had a tough decade. Their incomes started to stagnate before the financial crisis, fell during the downturn and despite recent growth, typical household incomes are no higher than a decade ago.

"These families have also faced an additional squeeze over the past two decades - higher housing costs."

Prime Minister Theresa May has identified such families as the key group she wants to help and Resolution Foundation says there are six million of them with net incomes of between £12,000 and £34,000 a year.

But Mr Hammond also faces pressure to reverse cruel cuts to Universal Credit payments pushed through by George Osborne, which will soon hit many of



ORDERS Chancellor Philip Hammond

these families hard. The new system will replace working tax credits for most families by 2020 - but offers far less support.

Even former Tory welfare slasher Iain Duncan Smith thinks the cuts should be reversed and told MPs yesterday: "We have a very good opportunity to do something that is bold and right for those we really want to improve the lives of."

However, an alliance of charities is

pressing Mr Hammond to instead reverse Mr Duncan Smith's £30-a-week cut to the main disability benefit, the employment and support allowance.

The group - which includes Mencap, Parkinson's UK, the MS Society and the RNIB - said it will "make life harder for disabled people who are already seeing support drastically reduced".

Their call comes as new figures show the number of people on ESA being clobbered by benefit sanctions is on the rise again, up 16% last month.

Official stats show that in June 2016 more than 14,000 people on ESA had their benefits cut or stopped as punishment, up from 12,000 the previous month.

Vicki Nash of mental health charity Mind said: "Sanctions do not work for people with mental health problems and are destroying lives."

A Department for Work and Pensions spokesman said overall sanctions are still down year-on-year.

But new Work and Pensions Secretary Damian Green said that he will look again at sanctions for people with mental health issues.

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“Just managing’ households have had a tough decade

ROB HOLDSWORTH OF RESOLUTION FOUNDATION

1.2m miss out on vital care lifeline

NEARLY 1.2 million older people get no help with basic care needs such as washing, a study warns.

The figure is up 17.9% in a year, Age UK found.

It comes as separate figures show rising social care costs pushed councils £313million into the red last year.

Labour MP Gareth Thomas, who uncovered the figures, said: "These are proof of the crisis in social care funding."

The union Unison yesterday urged ministers to use £2.4billion extra raised in business rates to plug the funding gap.

Families to face winter heat crisis

HALF of working families will cut back on heating this winter to save cash.

Price comparison site uSwitch.com found one in three families will put on extra clothing instead of heating to keep warm, while one in 10 will cut groceries and heat one room to make ends meet.

Single parent families will be hardest hit, with four in 10 putting up with a cold house.

Regulator Ofgem said it was working hard to make the energy market more competitive and fairer for households stuck on expensive tariffs.

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